

THE DEMOCRAT.

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Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, the author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," died at her home in Hartford, Conn., on the 1st.

Vice-President Stevenson arrived in Chicago, on the 1st, from Washington en route to his home in Bloomington. His wife and family accompanied him.

The debt statement, issued on the 1st, showed a net increase in the public debt, less cash in the treasury, during June, of \$1,829,853. Total cash in the treasury, \$853,905.63.

Turkish troops en route for Sauran, Syria, revolted at Jiddah, on the 1st, and refused to go any further until their arrears of pay due, from 1894 to the present time, was received.

Ex-Congressman John W. Killinger died at his home in Lebanon, Pa., on the night of the 30th, from the effects of a carbuncle. He was a well-known republican, and spent many years in congress.

The funeral of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe was held at her late home in Hartford, Conn., on the 2d. The services were of the simplest character. The remains were taken to Andover, Mass., for interment.

Col. Joseph C. McKibben, ex-member of congress from California, died on the night of the 1st, at Marshall Hall, a resort on the Potomac river nearly opposite Mount Vernon, of which he was part owner.

In the British house of commons, on the 30th, Wm. St. J. Broderick, parliamentary secretary to the war office, stated, in reply to a question on the subject, that the total of the British forces now in South Africa was 5,929 men.

Judge Cowing, in the court of general sessions, New York city, on the 29th, sentenced William Turner and William Robert Dunlop to nine years each in state prison on their plea of guilty of stealing \$50,000 worth of jewelry from L. Townsend Burden.

The board of officers appointed by Col. Andrews, commandant at Fort Niobrara, Neb., to investigate the killing of Private Weaver by a guard on orders of Lieut. Clark, reported to headquarters, on the 2d, that Lieut. Clark was perfectly justified in his action.

At St. Louis, it is said, "the choice of a candidate was settled in advance and the question was one of platform. At Chicago the platform is settled and the question is the man. What the Bland movement now needs and all that it needs is aggressive management."

A new political party was organized in Tacoma, Wash., on the 1st, immediately after the adjournment of the bimetallic league of that state. The new organization is to be called the Free-Coinage Republican party, and it is composed of republicans who favor the free coinage of silver.

Bland's candidacy is said to have interfered with the cleverly-laid plans of any number of democratic leaders. Whether they be silver, gold or compromise leaders, the men addicted to the management habit are shy of Bland. The political management want somebody else, anybody else.

The National Sunday School convention closed its first annual term of three weeks at Jackson, Tenn., on the 29th. The convention proved a decided success. Dr. L. H. Simmons, the originator, says that he has already made arrangements with some of the best lecturers in the country for next year.

The July estimate of a Chicago statistician makes condition of winter wheat 71.8, against 74.5 June 1, and the condition in the six surplus states 62.8, against 66.4 last month; the average condition of spring wheat is estimated at 90.3, against 95.5 a month ago. Reserves of wheat put at 44,000,000 bushels—about the same as a year ago.

A party of 13 business men, consisting of representatives of the National Association of Manufacturers of the United States, sailed from New York on the steamer St. Paul for Southampton, on the 1st, for a three-months' trip through Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil, for the express purpose of cultivating closer trade relations with those countries.

At a meeting of democratic business men of Indianapolis, Ind., on the 29th, 42 of those present pledged themselves to go to Chicago on a special train and remain until after the Democratic National convention to work for sound money. A committee was dispatched to Chicago to secure headquarters, and a general invitation was extended to sound money democrats of the state to join them.

Dr. Matilda Adelle Walter, W. H. Jemmett, father of Mrs. Walter, Ralph Creese, Walter Creese and Adam Miller, counterfeiters, were arrested in St. Louis on the 1st. At the house of Mrs. Walter a complete counterfeiting outfit was captured, consisting of photo engravings of a \$20 bill, some of the bills, the copper plates and all the necessary paraphernalia for etching the plates.

The New York city jury which deliberated until a late hour, on the night of the 1st, over the evidence presented in the trial of John D. Hart, Emilio Nunez, Capt. O'Brien and Mate Edward Murphy, accused of having aided and abetted a military expedition to Cuba, came into the United States court, on the 2d, and told Judge Brown that they could not agree. They were discharged.

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CURRENT TOPICS.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

AFFIDAVITS were filed in Justice Taneey's court at Fort Wayne, Ind., on the 29th, against the players of the Fort Wayne and Saginaw baseball clubs, charging them with engaging in a game of baseball on Sunday in violation of the Indiana state law. The complaining witness was Rev. J. S. Ainslie, of the Congregational church. Rev. Mr. Ainslie is backed by the Ministerial association.

A NOTICE was posted in the Pemberton mills, at Lawrence, Mass., on the 30th, informing 200 operatives that the plant would shut down on Friday, July 3, and remain closed until September 8. Agent F. Clark explained that it was intended to make important repairs, and advantage is taken of the times to do this.

At Newport, Ky., on the 29th, Judge Helm overruled the motion for a new trial for Alonzo Walling, convicted as an accomplice of Scott Jackson, in the murder of Pearl Bryan. The appeals of Walling and Jackson can not be heard by the appellate court at Frankfort before the September term.

JOHN MCKINER and John O'Brien, both men of many aliases and both notorious bank robbers, were captured in Vancouver, B. C., on the 28th, by a Portland (Ore.) detective, and were housed in the Clark county jail. A man giving his name as Fred Martin, who was with the pair, was also arrested.

THREE unknown men near Meksukey, I. T., early on the morning of the 29th, stole a work train engine, and ran it to Choctawhatchee, where they abandoned the engine and took to the woods. The railroad company has offered a reward for the capture of the robbers.

A PARTY of berry pickers consisting of Alexander Anger, aged 40, his cousin Gene LaForme and two nieces, Liza and Annie Anger, three girls of ten or twelve years, were struck by a train on the Massachusetts Central road near Worcester, Mass., on the 30th. They saw the train coming and ran for their lives, and had almost reached a place of safety when the engine struck them. The Anger girls were instantly killed, the LaForme girl's leg was broken and the man's head was badly injured.

Work on the largest fire engine in the world was completed, on the 30th, at the shops of a Cincinnati fire engine company. The boiler is 70 inches long and 40 inches in diameter. The two steam cylinders and two pumps are each, respectively, 10 inches long and 6 inches in diameter. The stroke is 9 inches. At full speed the engine's capacity is 1,300 gallons per minute. It was built for the Grand Rapids (Mich.) fire department.

FRANK IVES, the champion billiard player of the world, has made a will, in which he bequeaths his right arm to his physician for dissection. He does this in order that men of science may determine why he strikes a billiard ball harder than any other man living. Corbett, Fitzsimmons, Sandow and other athletes and strong men have competed with him and he has not been beaten yet.

There was no change in the situation in the Twin Shaft mine at Pittston, Pa., on the 30th. The rescuers continued to work hard in their endeavor to reach the entombed miners, and rapid progress was being made.

By the overturning of a boat in Lake Massapog, near Sharon, Mass., on the 29th, Choir-master Brackett and four choir boys of St. John's Episcopal church, Charlestown, Mass., who had gone there for a week's recreation, were drowned. Two other boys who were in the boat were saved.

It is stated that Gen. Jacques Nicolas Leger has been appointed minister to the United States from Hayti to succeed Mr. Clement Hietjens, resigned. The new minister is expected to arrive during July.

The treasury deficit for the fiscal year ended on the 30th foots up \$25,500,000; for the past three years the deficit aggregates \$137,500,000.

FIDEL G. PERRA, a member of the Cuban junta and chairman of the Cuban Fair committee, called upon Gen. Tomas Estrada Palma in New York, on the 30th, and handed him a check for \$5,000, the first installment of the proceeds of the Cuban fair. "This is not all," said Mr. Perera. "As soon as we settle up completely, I expect to give you another check."

A DELEGATION of citizens of New York and Brooklyn called on Gov. Morton, on the 30th, and urged executive clemency in behalf of John Y. McKane, the former Gravesend boss. A personal letter from McKane to the governor was presented by the delegation. It urged that McKane had fully atoned for his crime, and that outraged justice had been satisfied.

It is considered probable, at Havana, that Gen. Bradley Johnson, who has been acting as the correspondent of a New York newspaper, will have to leave Cuba on account of the reports which he has sent to the United States regarding Cuban affairs.

By an explosion of ammunition during a fire in the arsenal near Fort Moselle, in the German province of Lorraine, on the night of the 30th, 42 men were killed and 100 others badly injured.

THE Cheyenne Indians in Montana have dawned their war paint and are holding pow-wows, preparatory to a general uprising. Several troops of the Tenth cavalry have been ordered from Fort Custer to the Cheyenne agency at Lame Deer, Custer county, Mont. The Cheyennes have been unusually indolent this spring.

CHARLES W. CLARK, son of W. A. Clark, the millionaire mine owner, banker and politician, and Miss Catherine Q. Roberts, of Helena, a young stenographer, were married at Butte, Mont., on the 30th. The groom's father presented him with a check for \$100,000.

THE Confederate Veterans' reunion opened at Richmond, Va., on the 30th, with charming weather, clear and cool. An immense throng of people was present, and exposition grounds, where the reunion was held in large auditorium erected for the purpose, was crowded. The auditorium was handsomely decorated.

By an explosion of gas in a man-hole of the Edison Electric Co., at Washington and South Water street, Chicago, on the 1st, two men were fatally burned and two seriously injured.

A DISPATCH from Kobe, Japan, dated June 15, received on the 1st, said the steamer Kawanuma Maru had collided with and sank the Hozumi Maru off Hiroshima during a storm, and that 178 lives were lost.

THE Red Star packet Rahmahieh, bound from Suakin for Suez, broke her shaft, on the 30th, and drifted upon a reef, where she foundered, and 60 persons, mostly Greeks, were drowned.

THE progress of the unlawful demonstration growing out of the strike at the Brown hoisting works in Cleveland, O., was marked, on the 2d, by further bloodshed. Wm. Rettger, a young striker, who was pursuing a non-union workman, was shot dead by the latter, who was himself almost killed before being rescued by the police.

E. J. (LUCKY) BALDWIN, the millionaire horseman, had a narrow escape from assassination, on the 2d, at the hands of Miss Emma A. Ashley, the sister of Miss Lillian Ashley, whose suit for \$75,000 for alleged betrayal was in progress before Judge Slack in San Francisco. A bullet from the woman's revolver plowed through Baldwin's hair and buried itself in the wall of the court room near the bench.

THE Associated Society of the Red Cross of Philadelphia decided, on the 2d, to appeal to the public to aid the 53 widows and 180 orphans who are left penniless by the late mine disaster at Pittston, Pa.

GEORGE A. R. LAWTON, of Savannah, Ga., died at the Clifton Springs (N. Y.) sanitarium on the 2d. He had a stroke of paralysis some days before, from which he did not rally. He was born in 1816.

THE Italian public revenue for the first half of the fiscal year just expired was 20,000,000 lire more than the revenue for the corresponding period of 1895.

THE German reichstag, on the 2d, passed the oleomargarine bill through second and third readings. The bill was ordered by the government.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

HOPE revived in the hearts of relatives and friends of the miners entombed in the Twin shaft at Pittston, Pa., on the 5th, by the report of the rescuers that they had exchanged signals along the rails of the gateway railroad with the imprisoned men, and efforts to reach them were redoubled. Later in the day, however, skilled men who had been sent down the shaft to verify the good news, returned and reported that after prolonged efforts and the use of every method of signaling possible they had failed to secure any response from the lost men.

The funeral of William Rettger, the striker killed during the riots at the Brown hoisting works at Cleveland, O., occurred on the 5th. By actual count 1,300 men formed the funeral cortege. Services were held in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, during which, the officiating priest, Mgr. Thorpe, took occasion to censure his hearers in no measured terms for their sinful excesses in violation of law, and admonished them that capitalists had rights that workmen were bound to respect.

ELECTIONS were held in Belgium, on the 5th, for members of the chamber of deputies to fill the vacancies caused by the withdrawal, under the constitution, of one-half of the members of the house, whose term of office had expired. Returns were received very slowly, but enough was known on the 6th to show that re-balls would be required in many districts owing to the triangular contests between liberals, Catholics and socialists.

AN old skiff containing James Lee and his wife and five children was run down by an Erie canal boat at Rochester, N. Y., on the 5th, and its seven occupants were drawn under the canal boat by the suction of the water. Five were rescued alive, but Lena Bissig, aged 12 years, and Jacob and John Lee, aged six and five years respectively, were drowned.

REV. MR. NORTHOPE, pastor of the Wesley Avenue Baptist church at Cincinnati, preached a sermon specially to baseball players at his church on the 5th. The Cincinnati club was present in a body along with a number of the ball game enthusiasts. The subject of Mr. Northope's discourse was "How to Get on Top."

AS AN outcome of the insurrection in the island of Crete against Turkish rule, the Christians of the island, on the 5th, elected a provisional government, and decided to proclaim the union of the island with Greece.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Readjustment of Salaries of Postmasters.
The post office department has announced the readjustment of postmasters' salaries for the next fiscal year. The St. Louis receipts during the past year have increased largely, but St. Louis reached the salary limit of \$6,000 many years ago. The biggest jump in Missouri was that of Kansas City, the receipts there during the past year justifying an increase of \$1,000. The readjustments for Missouri was as follows:

Adrian and Breckinridge advanced from fourth to third class.
Increases—Albany, \$1,400 to \$1,500; Appleton City, \$1,200 to \$1,400; Bethany, \$1,400 to \$1,500; Bolivar, \$1,200 to \$1,400; Clarksville, \$1,100 to \$1,200; Clinton, \$2,200 to \$2,300; Columbia, \$2,200 to \$2,400; Dexter, \$1,000 to \$1,100; El Dorado Springs, \$1,200 to \$1,400; Excelsior Springs, \$1,300 to \$1,400; Farmington, \$1,300 to \$1,400; Fayette, \$1,200 to \$1,300; Fredericktown, \$1,100 to \$1,200; Glasgow, \$1,300 to \$1,400; Grant City, \$1,100 to \$1,200; Greenfield, \$1,100 to \$1,200; Harrisonville, \$1,200 to \$1,400; Higginsville, \$1,500 to \$1,600; Holden, \$1,500 to \$1,600; Humansville, \$1,000 to \$1,100; Independence, \$2,100 to \$2,300; Jackson, \$1,100 to \$1,200; Kansas City, \$1,000 to \$2,000; Kirksville, \$2,000 to \$2,100; Lamar, \$1,200 to \$1,300; Louisiana, \$2,200 to \$2,400; Macon, \$1,500 to \$1,600; Malden, \$1,400 to \$1,500; Marshall, \$2,000 to \$2,100; Maryville, \$1,400 to \$1,500; Monticello City, \$1,500 to \$1,600; Mound City, \$1,300 to \$1,400; Mountain Grove, \$1,200 to \$1,300; Neosho, \$1,400 to \$1,500; Nevada, \$2,200 to \$2,300; Odessa, \$1,200 to \$1,400; Osceola, \$1,100 to \$1,200; Plattsmouth, \$1,400 to \$1,500; Pleasant Hill, \$1,400 to \$1,500; Poplar Bluff, \$1,100 to \$1,200; Princeton, \$1,100 to \$1,200; Rich Hill, \$1,200 to \$1,300; Rockport, \$1,200 to \$1,300; Savannah, \$1,200 to \$1,400; Sedalia, \$2,400 to \$2,500; Unionville, \$1,400 to \$1,500; Vanalia, \$1,100 to \$1,200; Versailles, \$1,100 to \$1,200; Warrensburg, \$2,000 to \$2,100; Wellsville, \$1,000 to \$1,100.
Decreases—Aurora, \$1,600 to \$1,500; Huntsville, \$1,200 to \$1,100; Norborne, \$1,200 to \$1,100.

Missouri School Fund.

A meeting of the state board of fund commissioners was held the other day and a transfer of the public school fund for the present year made. This fund is made up as follows:

One-third the entire revenue.....\$778,822.74
Interest on school certificates.....\$18,000.00
Amounts refunded.....220.11

Total.....\$796,822.85
This is an increase over 1895 of 54,032.24, and is consequently the largest in the history of the state.

This money will be apportioned among the various counties by State Superintendent Kirk during the present month, and each county will receive a pro rata based on its school population.

State Treasurer's Report.

State Treasurer Lon V. Stephens has filed with Gov. Stone his monthly statement, showing the transactions of the treasury department for the month ending June 30 as follows: Balance in the treasury on June 1, \$1,635,435.45; receipts during the month of June, \$142,478.65; disbursements, \$18,435.54; leaving a balance in the treasury at the close of business June 30 of \$1,549,478.57.

There was transferred from the interest fund to the sinking fund the sum of \$337,000, and this amount will be used for the redemption of 6 per cent. bonds due July 1. Earnings of the Missouri penitentiary paid into the treasury in June were \$16,618.02.

Bold Moonshiner Captured.

Locked up at the four courts, in St. Louis, awaiting arraignment for running an illicit distillery, is a man whom the federal authorities look upon as the "king bee" of moonshiners. The man is A. L. Wheeler, and he, with E. Lee McArthur, was taken to St. Louis from Texas county, Mo., by United States Deputy Marshal O. J. Snyder. For about a year Wheeler had eluded the authorities, although several times he was almost within their grasp.

Bond Robbers Captured.

James O'Brien, alias Red O'Brien, and Jake Weber, alias Dutch Jake, charged with robbing the state bank at Savannah on the night of February 7 last, have been captured by the Pinkertons in British Columbia. None of the 1,000 bonds was found with them. Wm. Loughbridge, another of the men who was arrested on the same charge in San Francisco some time ago, is confined in jail at Savannah. Mrs. Breckinridge has, so far, recovered eight of her stolen bonds.

The New Frisco.

The reorganized St. Louis & San Francisco Railway Co. has filed articles with the secretary of state, capital stock, \$50,000,000. The incorporation tax was \$25,025, and what is known as the "university free scholarship tax," amounted to \$12,500. The tax imposed by the law enacted by the last legislature, imposes an additional 25 cents on each \$1,000 incorporate capital stock sought to be incorporated. It was paid by the company under protest.

Heavy Mortality.

There were 305 deaths in St. Louis during the week ended June 27. This is the largest week's record in the history of the city, baring the time of the cholera scourge. Of the number 127 were children under one year of age.

Would-Be Suicide Jailed.

Antonio Welty, aged 65, was sentenced to prison for 200 days, in St. Joseph. Welty has a mania for attempting suicide with a revolver, and at such times is a nuisance. He has several bullets in his head.

For a Stowe Monument.

The members of the Kansas City board of trade have decided to start a popular subscription for the erection of a monument in honor of Harriet Beecher Stowe at her grave. It is to be national in its scope.

Indian Raid in McDonald County.

Four Indians rode into Noel, a small town in McDonald county, and robbed the town. No lives lost. The marauders started towards Sulphur Springs, Ark.

An Old Resident of Webb City.

S. N. Hardesty, an old resident of Webb City, died the other day. For nearly a quarter of a century he was prominently identified with mining.

A Long Fall.

D. C. Lichty, a St. Louis carpenter, fell through an elevator shaft, a distance of about sixty feet (six stories), and escaped without serious injury.

Courted Through the Mail.

L. F. Forrester, Norfolk, Mass., and Nella Richardson, of Macon county, met for the first time and married at Macon. They courted by mail.

DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

Free Silver Leaders Hold a Conference on the Financial Plank Which Will be the Dominating Feature of the Democratic Platform—There Will be Other Planks, But to All Appearances, They Will be Only Secondary.

CHICAGO, July 6.—Free silver leaders who have been selected by the respective delegations as members of the committee on resolutions, and others who will undoubtedly form a part of that important organization, have been conferring together with respect to the text of the platform, and the subjects that shall be mentioned therein. Only upon the financial plank has there been any definite agreement.

As heretofore stated in these dispatches, this plank is to dominate the whole platform, and all other matters are to be second thereto. The exact text has not been finally determined, but that is a matter of detail that can be easily arranged when the committee gets together. That it will be a short, clear-cut, concise declaration for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 is a foregone conclusion. Two short sentences are all that will be necessary to construct this plank.

The indications are that those who have hoped the platform would ignore matters will be disappointed. Well-known men, among those in control of convention matters, assert that the tariff question must not be overlooked. While there is a diversity of opinion as to the advisability of coming out in a flat-footed endorsement of the Wilson tariff act, that law, bearing the stamp of democracy, will be incidentally indorsed, at least. If the United States senators are permitted to have their way, the platform will declare that the present tariff law should remain untouched until the exigencies of the occasion prove that its modification is absolutely necessary.

Whether the income tax, which was declared to be unconstitutional by the supreme court, shall be referred to, is a question upon which there is a very great difference of opinion. The majority of the leaders, however, appear to be in favor of recognizing the principle which became a part of the Wilson tariff act, and a determined effort is to be made by delegates from some of the western and southern states to secure an expression on the subject.

The administration will not be mentioned in the platform. Some of the more radical of the silver men want an emphatic condemnation of the financial policy of President Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle inserted in the platform, but it is believed that while the administration will escape censure, the convention will likewise refuse to commend it, and that any substitute the gold men may offer will be voted down by the solid free silver men of the convention.

There was a great deal of talk yesterday favorable to a plank that smacks very largely of what is known as jingoism. A delegate who has been selected as a member of the committee on resolutions, and who will, in all probability, be its chairman, said that the democratic party had always been the American party, and it was only during the administrations of President Cleveland that the Americanism of the party had been cast aside. It is, therefore, quite likely that the foreign policy of the present administration will, by indirect action at least, be repudiated.

If the programme agreed upon by these gentlemen does not go amiss, the sympathy of the democratic party will be expressed for suffering Cuba and a demand made for the recognition of its independence. It is not impossible that the desire to "even things up" with the administration may lead to the adoption of a plank on this subject that will be equally as strong as that adopted at St. Louis.

WILL REMAIN AT HOME.

Where He Thinks He Can Discharge His Campaign Duties to Better Advantage.

CANTON, O., July 6.—Notwithstanding the fact that Maj. McKinley has decided to remain at home this summer, he received letters to-day from many towns between Canton and Boston asking him what day and what hour he expected to pass through them on his way to Roxbury, where it has been rumored he would spend a fortnight with his cousin, Col. Osborn.

Maj. McKinley said to-day that he felt no need of rest, and that such being the case, he thought he could discharge the manifold duties incident to the campaign which fell to his lot to better advantage here than elsewhere.

People are still coming here in large numbers to visit Maj. McKinley, and there will be many hundreds callers this week and as many next. Last week 4,000 people from out of town called upon him in a single day.

The mail yesterday morning brought to Maj. McKinley another great pile of letters congratulating and complimenting him upon his speech which he made to the committee which conveyed to him the official notification of his nomination.

Plans for the conduct of the impending campaign are rapidly maturing—rapidly but not hurriedly. The work of the campaign will not be formally commenced until the democratic platform has been adopted, and the democratic candidate is nominated. Within a week or two after the Chicago convention the republicans will open up headquarters and settle to work very actively upon a campaign of education.

ANOTHER SPANISH REPORT.

Of a Notable Victory Over the Rebels—The Denial Later.

HAVANA, July 6.—Col. Drualla reports that with 620 men he left the Conchita estate, near Bolondron, province of Matanzas, and marching towards Majagua, found the rebels entrenched behind fences. The troops dislodged the rebels after a strong resistance, and a bayonet charge caused them to flee in all directions. The insurgents left on the field 23 dead. The Spanish loss in the engagement was four killed and 50 wounded.

ROENTGEN RAYS.

The First Practical Demonstration in the West by a Perfectly Appointed Apparatus in the Hands of a Prominent St. Louis Surgeon.

ST. LOUIS, July 4.—A practical demonstration of the value of the Roentgen rays as an aid to surgery was given Thursday evening by Dr. Heber Roberts at his private hospital in this city, a number of interesting experiments being made in the presence of a party of invited guests, including several of the newspaper fraternity.

Dr. Roberts enjoys the distinction of having the first complete apparatus to reach the west, and is correspondingly enthusiastic over the grand possibilities offered by it as an adjunct to his chosen profession, not alone as a source of personal profit, but as offering a boon to those who, by reason of misfortune, are compelled to invoke the skill of a surgeon, whose work, by its aid, will be brought much more nearly to the plane of an exact science than has been heretofore possible with only the aid of knowledge of physiology and anatomy backed by clinical practice.

From an unscientific standpoint the demonstrations presented were of more than passing interest; they were uncanny, startling. It is one thing to scan illustrations of effects produced by the X rays and to read learned and technical treatises in exact matter when it is an entirely different matter when one, with the aid of the rays and the Edison fluoroscope, sees his own skeleton—or a portion thereof; sees objects through two inches of intervening wood, or witnesses the taking of a perfect photograph of the interior of a portion of the human form without the aid of camera or lens, and through several thicknesses of clothing, besides the casing of the sensitized plate; or by the aid of the fluoroscope, to look entirely through the human body. These things, however, the doctor's guests were enabled to do, and all were agreed that the demonstrations were not only wonderful, but that the time had come when both work in surgery would have to give place to the certain and scientific results which the X rays make possible of attainment. Dr. Roberts was congratulated on his having been the first to bring the apparatus to St. Louis, and those who had the pleasure of witnessing his experiments are certainly to be congratulated upon being among the first in the western country to witness a practical demonstration of the possibilities of the Roentgen rays given from a Crook's tube and also the value of the Edison fluoroscope as an adjunct.

WHOLESAOME TRUTHS.

Forced Upon Unwilling Ears at the Funeral of the Dead Striker William Rettger.

CLEVELAND, O., July 5.—The funeral of William Rettger, the striker killed at the Brown hoisting works, was the most imposing funeral pageant ever given a laboring man in Cleveland. There has been no one occasion when there was a larger procession and greater crowds. The funeral of Garfield. To-day, by actual count, 1,300 men formed the funeral cortege. The funeral services were held in the Church of the Immaculate Conception. A conservative estimate places the number of spectators about the church and along the line of march to the cemetery at 100,000. The procession moved quietly, and, save for the dirges played by the many bands, no sound save the tread of feet, broke the quiet. The white casket in which reposed the remains was literally buried in flowers. Mgr. Thorpe, in the course of his sermon, said:

"Human passion is strange, and the lesson to-day teaches that we many times go beyond our strength, and that there is no way to reason against human passion. The lesson we